expired and Times Mirror has not vet signed a new agreement. However, I suggested that they review their files for their own copy of the old agreement. As a follow up to this call, I sent a letter to Andrew Healey on April 12 reiterating NYNEX's concern about Dimensions activities and insisting that these activities be halted until Joint Owner's approval had been received.

- 6. I spoke to Andrew Health by telephone again on April 18, 1994. He again asked for a copy of the aerial license agreement. Because I did not have an unmarked copy, I sent him pages 7, 8 and 9 of the agreement, as I believed that they were most relevant to the issue at hand. I attached a note to these pages, requesting that Mr. Healey provide me with the name of his supervisor so that we could resolve this problem. I have yet to hear from Mr. Healey with this information.
- Africance Affidavit states that NYNEX's concerns
  about Dimension's work was prompted by anticompetitive
  motivations. This is not the case. To the contrary, as a
  joint owner of the utility poles to which Dimension is
  attaching or overlashing its-fiber optic or coaxial cable,
  NYNEX has serious and legitimate safety and service concerns
  about any activity that affects these poles. To the best of my
  knowledge, NYNEX's position has always that licensees must
  obtain prior approval from NYNEX before any new attachments or
  overlashes are made to a utility pole.
- 8 NYNEX and the affected power company must be aware of the existence of equipment attached to our jointly-owned

utility poles by licensees, whether placed by an existing or a new licensee and whether the new equipment is an overlash a replacement or an upgrade or a new attachment. The Joint Owners need to know what companies are working on its utility. poles at any given time, as Joint owners may need to adjust their own maintenance and other schedules if a cable or other company is working on poles in a certain area. If any of the poles are damaged during work performed by an attacher, it is helpful to know what company performed this work so that the appropriate party can be charged for any necessary repair work. In addition, there are public safety issues that must be addressed. For example, preconstruction surveys should be performed to ensure that there will be adequate clearance between the various wires on the utility poles (the telephone company s, the power company's, the cable company's, and any other attachments such as fire boxes). This clearance is important not only for safety reasons but to ensure that the various wires and cables do not damage one another. The Joint Owners need to ensure that the poles will not need any additional support because of the added weight or the manner of placement of the new cable or the repeaters and other power supply's that must be installed with the new cable. The Joint owners also need to inspect any work that is performed to ensure that the new cable has been bonded through the multi-neutral system provided by the electric company, which directs electrical discharges (e.g. from a lightning storm) to the ground rather than letting at travel along the cable or

other wire, which could cause damage to persons or equipment. Finally, to the extent that there are any new attachments to the utility poles, Joint Owners are entitled to compensation for these attachments under the terms of the aerial license agreement. NYNEX does not charge additional license fees for overlashes, however.

- 9 NYNEX has had difficulty obtaining notification from cable companies before new attachments are made to our poles. I personally inspected some new attachments to utility poles in the area of Sandy Lane in Warwick, Rhode Island. These attachments were not those of the power company or NYNEX, and NYNEX was not aware of the presence of these attachments until one of our work crews spotted them. The work performed there illustrates some of the problems described above. The new cable rested on NYNEX's cable in some spots, and in some places the new cable (which should have been above NYNEX's cable), sagged below NYNEX's cable. The new attachments do not meet with established safety criteria. Since we believe that Dimension has attached the cable, NYNEX has requested that this company correct these defects. To date there has been no response to this request.
- 10 The actions taken by NYNEX in connection with the unauthorized attachments being placed by Dimension are consistent with Joint Owners's rights under the aerial license agreement between the parties. NYNEX and the affected power company have a legitimate need to know what attachments are being made to their property so that Joint Owners can protect

these assets from damage and ensure that all safety issues are being addressed.

I deciare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Executed May - 1994.

Kenneth E Snowden

Engineer

New England Telephone and

Telegraph Company

Signed and Sworn Before me

this day of May, 1994 in

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My Commission Expires 6-23-95

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that copies of the foregoing <u>REPLY COMMENTS OF NYNEX</u> were served on each of the parties listed on the attached Service List, this 17th day of January, 1995, by first class United States mail, postage prepaid.

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